

into the language, by adding Senator Coordsen's amendment, we do have some rehabilitation money to help people to get into programs, and that's what we really need, because what concerns me when we yank unemployment compensation away is that the families are the ones that are hurt. There can be somebody who's worked in a business for years and years and have an alcoholic habit along for all those years, and it takes a long time, sometimes, for an alcoholic to come to the point where it's really impairing his or her work. And so the rehabilitation programs and the proviso that they go into the program is very important. So I will support Senator Coordsen, and then I can support the whole amendment as Senator Hefner put it in. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Elmer, followed by Senators Hall and Smith.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. Having been in the business for 30 years, I know that almost every business in the state, when you have a number of employees, they impact on the public. Their behavior on their job, and if they're influenced with alcohol or drugs directly affects the job and your business, and they should be rehabilitated. I've had a little problem with some of these bills that come in and do nothing but bang you over the head and hit you with a ball bat and throw you in the jail and throw away the key without some mitigation. The amendment by Senator Coordsen, I think, is something that will go a long ways toward helping mitigate the fact that we have people that abuse, we do need to help them. They should not be working, they should be going through a program. I believe that this is one step that we could make to help that, and I heartily support the amendment to the Hefner amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Question.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. Shall debate now cease. Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Voting on ceasing debate. Have you all voted? Shall debate cease? Have you all voted? Please record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 2 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.